LANDSCAPES *with* STYLE

Your guide to stylish water-efficient landscaping

WESTERN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

"MY GARDEN is the thing that gets me up and moving in the morning. Nothing is better than walking around every morning to see WHAT WONDERFUL THING has happened. WHAT IS BLOOMING and what needs attention motivates me more than anything else!"

Irene Du Bois
Gardener, 91 years old

Landscapes bring us joy, color, and delight. They provide islands of tranquility in an ocean of activity. Simple tasks that get our hands dirty also relax our minds and sustain our souls. Gardening enriches our lives while also adding inspiration and character to our neighborhoods.

Our Landscapes with Style guide is here to inspire you to cultivate joy in your outdoor spaces. We offer eight different styles, from peaceful to lively, with each featuring proven plants thoughtfully placed to suit every taste.

What's your STYLE?

IS YOUR DREAM YARD A LIVELY LANDSCAPE OR PEACEFUL GETAWAY?

LIVELY

Do you prefer fragrant **FLOWERS** or a vibrant **LAYERED** look?

Do you enjoy scanning the skies for flying friends?

- **YES**
- **NO**

PEACEFUL

Do you dream of **SOOTHING** and lush landscapes or **DRAMATIC** plants that make a statement?

Is your ideal garden a place to relax or entertain?

- [RELAX]
- [ENTERTAIN]

Do you like bold boulders and remarkable rock features?

- **YES**
- **NO**

Do you prefer feathers or flitters on your flowers?

[FEATHERS] [FLITTERS]

Do you stop and smell the roses?

YES

NO

Do you like to sample the fruits of your gardening labor?

YES

HUMMINGBIRD

Your perfect garden is one that invites the calming, yet speedy, energy of our native hummingbirds. Color and motion will fill your outdoor space.

BUTTERFLY

Your ideal yard is a treat for the eyes and a magnet for butterflies. The lush colors will create a pleasant retreat for you and a home for our colorful dancing pollinators.

FLOWERY

Your yard glows with color throughout the year and charms the senses with sublime aromas. Clear out some space in your yard and the bold blossoms and pleasing perfumes of this flowering garden can be yours.

DESERT

The soft colors of fragrant blooms glow in the evening light in this desert design. The time you'll save on maintenance can be spent admiring its simple, clean, and majestic lines.

TASTY

Providing half joy and half juice, this yard is fully delicious! Citrus smells surround you, while nice native plants provide perfect pollination. Freshly squeezed goodness awaits you.

SUCCULENT

Your garden has a flair for the dramatic with bold shapes and textures. This style is high on looks and low on water usage.

ZEN

You're calm, cool, and collected just like your preferred outdoor space. With our Zen garden, you'll create a space of quiet and purpose that you can visit whenever you need a breather.

Hummingbird STYLE

Joy fills the air—and zooms past your head—as feathered guests arrive to dine in style. Annas, Costas, and Rufous hummingbirds are among the garden's most frequent patrons.

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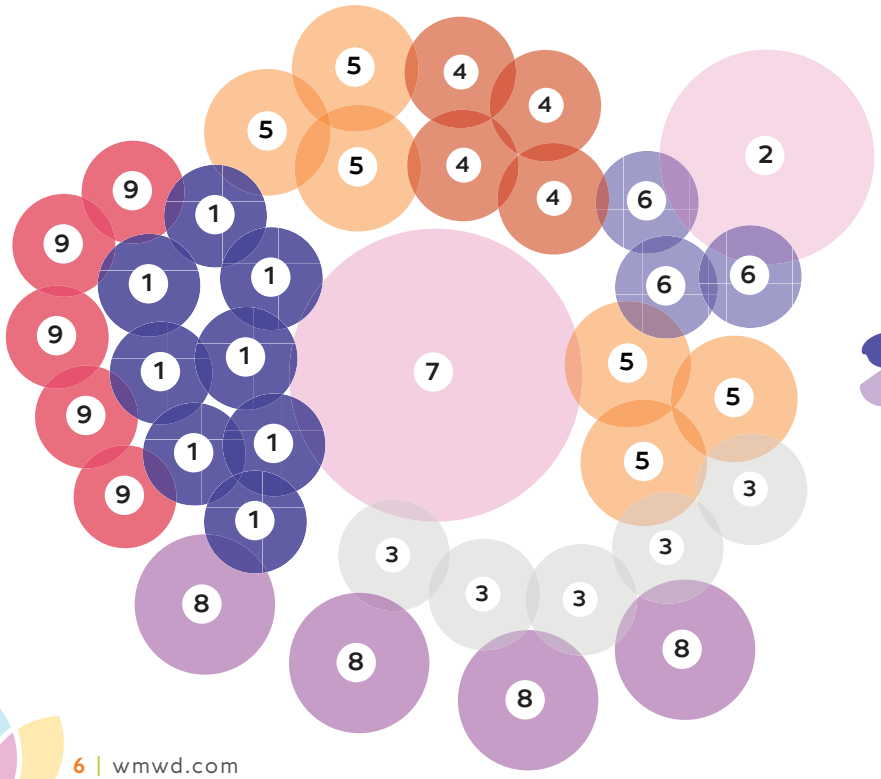

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   Some varieties of this California native grow to 4'hx4'w. Summer and fall flowers provide late season color and food for birds.

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6. **Grape Soda Lupine**
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7. **Chitalpa "Pink Dawn"**
   This 30'hx30'w tree with trumpet shaped flowers attracts both hummingbirds and butterflies. Most easily grown as a multi-trunked tree.

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Butterfly STYLE

In the Butterfly Style garden, joy arrives on delicate wings visiting a banquet of color. Such a sumptuous feast invites winged royalty. Monarchs, Queens, Admirals, and Ladies might grace you with their presence. This garden can also inspire an appearance from other fluttering friends including Swallowtails, Checkerspots, Skippers, and Blues.

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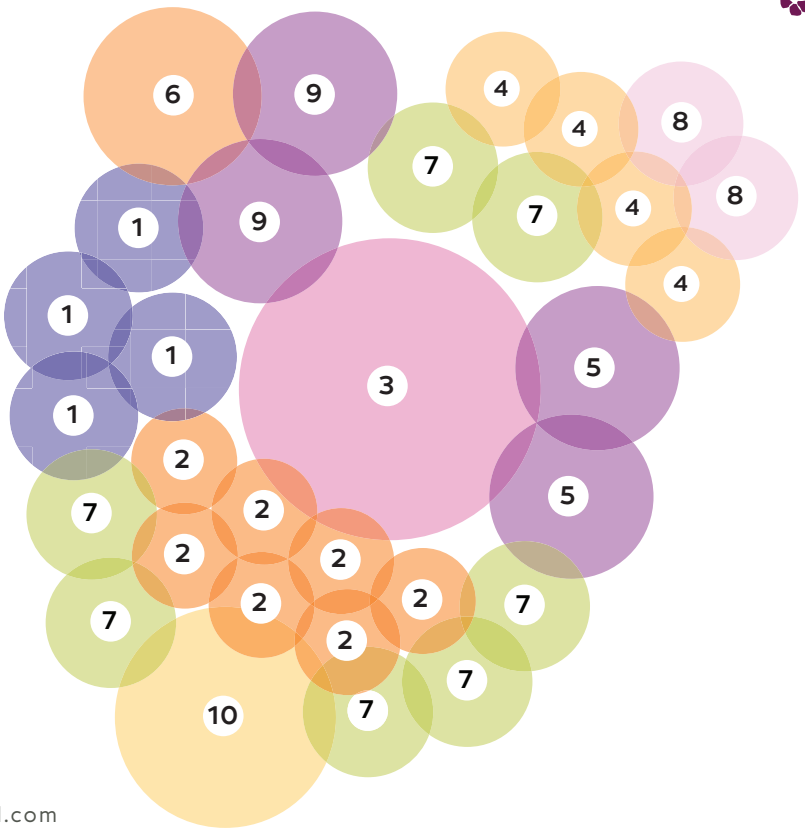

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Butterfly STYLE 2

This banquet of colorful, local plants will delight both locals and visitors from far and wide. Whether guests arrive early or late, they will find that joyful blooms await them.

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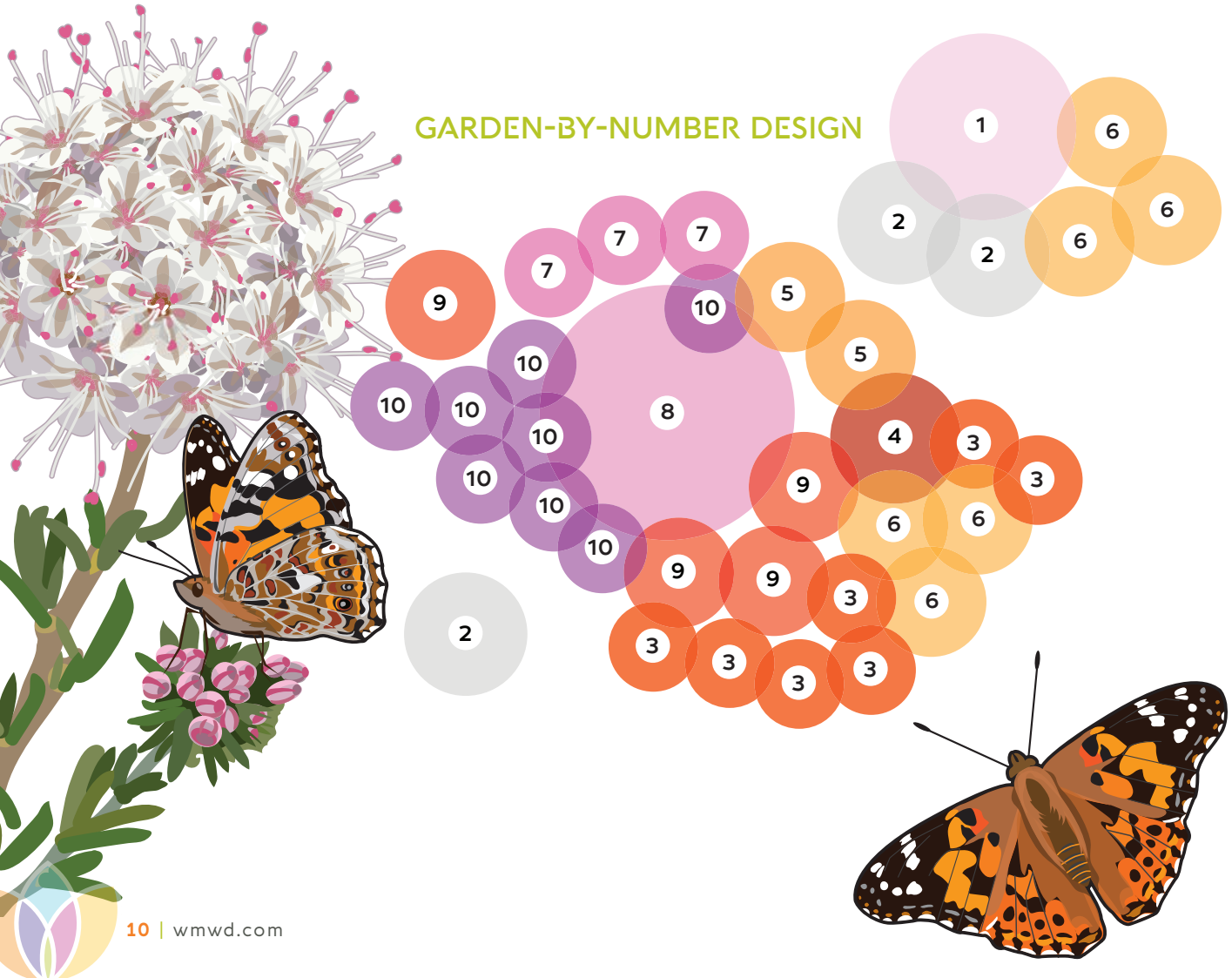

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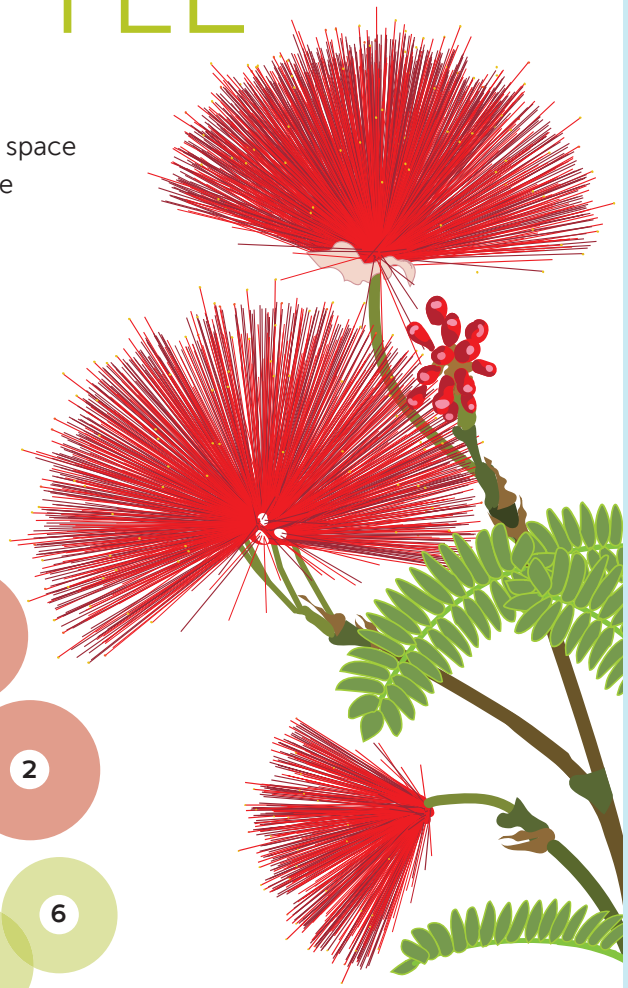
Desert STYLE

Doing less means more joy in this stylish garden. A little space (not too close!), a little water (not too much!), and a little color (not all at once!).



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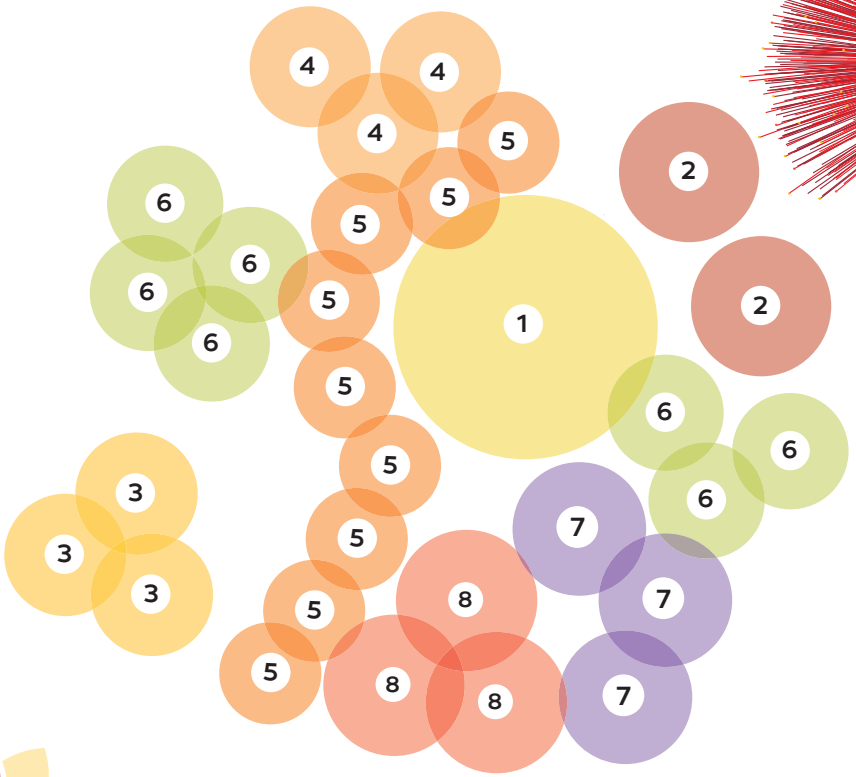

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Tasty STYLE

Joy comes freshly picked and squeezed in this garden style that is ripe for the tasting. These plants all offer a bountiful feast for both pollinators and people who stop in to enjoy them.

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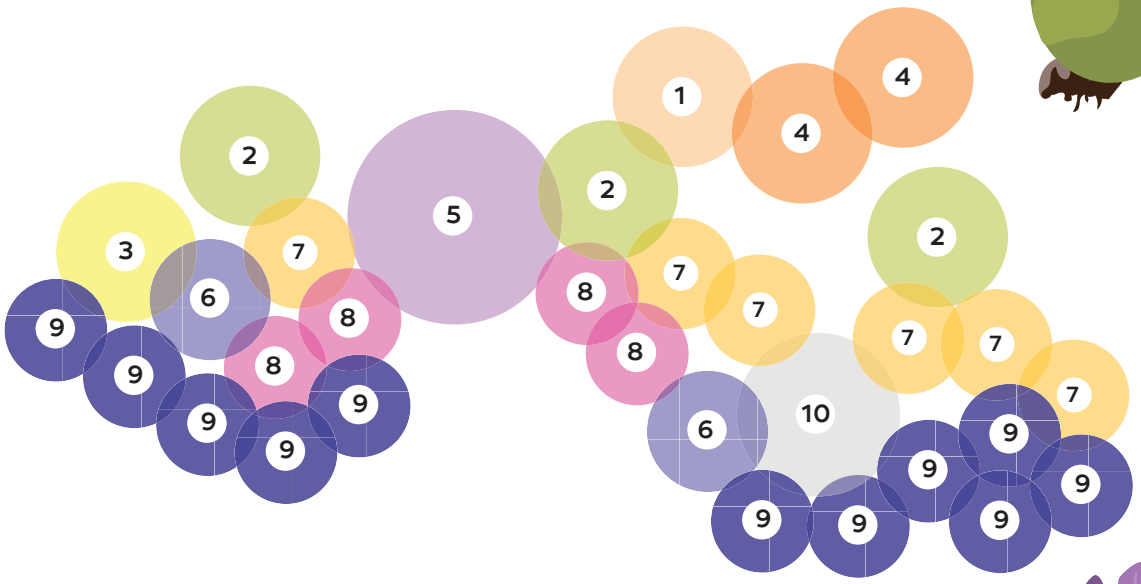

1. **Dwarf Grapefruit**
   Grows up to 8' tall. Glossy dark green leaves year-round. Fruit ripens in summer and fall.

2. **Pineapple Guava**
   Beautiful edible flowers and guava-like fruit. Can grow to 15'hx15'w but can be pruned or hedged to a smaller size.

3. **Dwarf Lemon**
   Dark green leaves and wonderful fragrance. Can be a 10'hx10'w edible hedge or screen.

4. **Dwarf Orange**
   Grow a piece of local history and enjoy lovely blossoms and fresh-squeezed orange juice. Grows to 12'hx12'w.

5. **Grapevine**
   Can climb walls, trellises, or arbors and provide delicious summer fruit.

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Flowery STYLE

Buds and blooms are abundant in this stylish and joyful garden. The bold and vibrant colors beckon to all to spend a moment in their presence.

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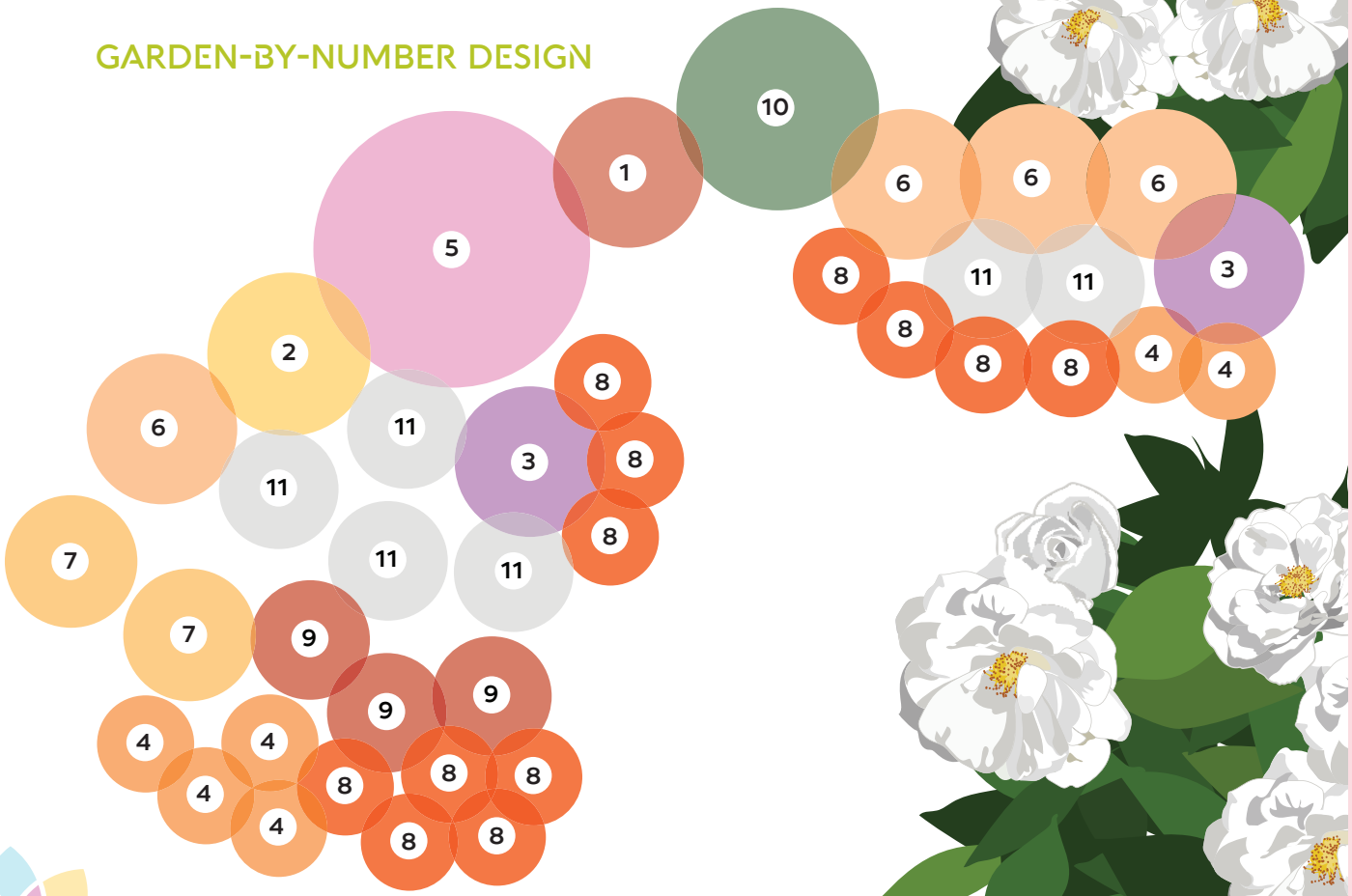

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9. **Floral Carpet Rose**
   Easy care, low-growing rose grows to 2'hx6'w. Blooms spring through fall.
10. **Star Jasmine**
    Popular ornamental vine with wonderful fragrance and flowers in spring and summer.
11. **Shrub Rose 'Iceberg'**
    Hardy rose that flowers from spring to fall. Can be shaped or hedged.

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Succulent STYLE

Chalksticks? Flapjacks? Lady Slippers? Blue Fox Tails? The names bring a smile to your face, while the plants bring joy to your garden in this stylish, succulent design.

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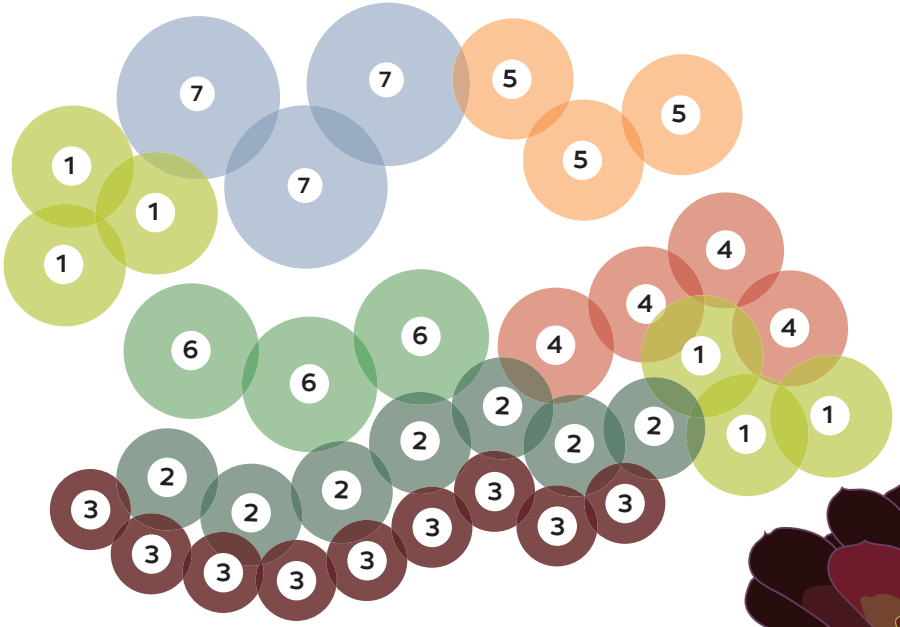
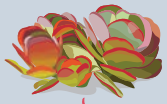


1. **Aeonium 'Sunburst'**
   Large yellow and green leaves provide a burst of color in a succulent or rock garden.

2. **Blue Chalksticks**
   Low-growing succulent grows to 2'hx8'w. Fills in spaces nicely and flows around rocks.

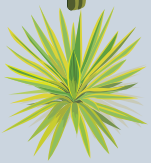
3. **Aeonium 'Zwartkop'**
   A showy 3'hx3'w succulent with nearly black foliage and striking yellow flowers.

4. **Flapjack Plant**
   Reddish pancake-like leaves grow to 18"hx18"w.

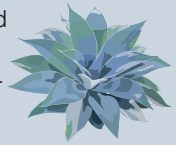


5. **Lady Slipper Plant**
   Lime green stems and orange and yellow flowers make this unique 4'hx4'w succulent a standout.

6. **Yucca 'Bright Star'**
   A bright yellow yucca that provides a splash of color in your landscape.



7. **Blue Fox Tail Agave 'Boutin Blue'**
   Make a statement in your yard with this dramatic 5'hx5'w agave with blue-green leaves.



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Zen STYLE

Joy is found in fallen flowers, dappled shade, and raked paths. Perfume fills the spaces in between. Simplicity is the key to happiness in this meditative garden style.

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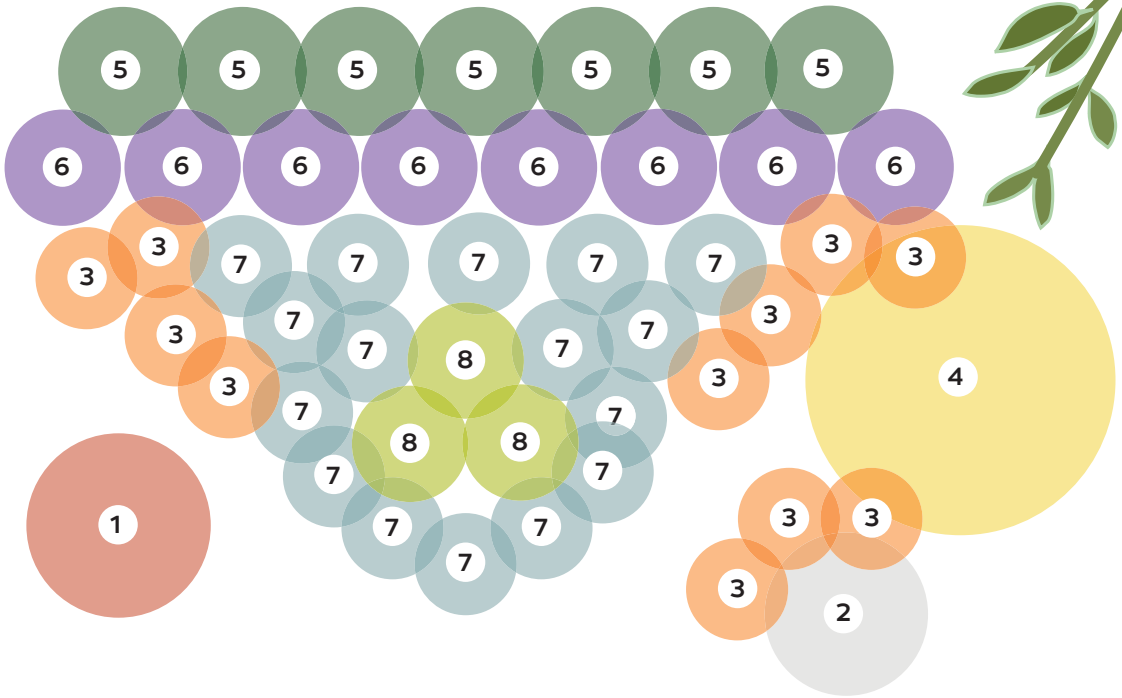

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STYLE TIPS

While our styles are not high maintenance, a little water and attention will go a long way in keeping your style looking good.

Sustain your Style:

- **Planting:** The cooler months are a great time to plant your varieties of choice.
- **Trimming:** Removing old flowers at the end of the season will spruce up your plants. You might leave seeds on your native plants to provide food for wildlife.
- **Mulching:** Adding mulch around your plants will help reduce weeds and improve your soil.
- **Weeding:** Pull a few weeds every day. Weed therapy is good for you and your yard.

Hydrate your Style:

- **Water longer and less often:** Most of our plants will thrive with a nice long drink several times a month, especially when it's warm.
- **Water like the rain:** Use a hose, efficient overhead sprinklers, or micro-sprays to make sure your plants get water where they need it.
- **Water native plants less in summer:** Native plants prefer to get their water from fall and winter rains. Most established natives only need a good washing off once a month in the summer.

Share your Style:

Inspire others by using the #WesternGardenStyles hashtag on social media to be the seed of inspiration for others!

Visit **wmwd.com/LandscapeStyleGuide** for more information about locally friendly plants and other resources.

COMMON NAMES	BOTANICAL NAMES
California natives and cultivars	
Moonshine Yarrow	Achillea 'Moonshine'
Howard McMinn Manzanita	Arctostaphylos 'Howard McMinn'
Narrow Leaf Milkweed	Asclepias fascicularis
Desert Marigold	Baileya multiradiata
Baja Fairy Duster	Calliandra californica
Chitalpa 'Pink Dawn'	Chitalpa tashkentensis 'Pink Dawn'
Brittlebush	Encelia farinosa
California Fuchsia	Epilobium canum 'Catalina'
California Buckwheat	Eriogonum fasciculatum
California Poppy	Eschscholzia californica
Grape Soda Lupine	Lupinus excubitus
Desert Museum Palo Verde	Parkinsonia 'Desert Museum'
Margarita BOP Foothill Penstemon	Penstemon heterophyllus 'Margarita BOP'
Desert Mallow	Sphaeralcea ambigua 'Louis Hamilton'
Locally friendly plants	
Pineapple Guava	Acca sellowiana
Aeonium 'Zwartkop'	Aeonium arboreum 'Zwartkop'
Sunburst Aeonium	Aeonium 'Sunburst'
Blue Fox Tail Agave 'Boutin Blue'	Agave attenuata 'Boutin Blue'
Dwarf Butterfly Bush	Buddleja davidii 'Buzz'
Dwarf Lemon*	Citrus species
Dwarf Grapefruit*	Citrus species
Dwarf Orange*	Citrus species
Blanket Flower	Gaillardia x grandiflora
Flapjack Plant	Kalanchoe luciae
Crape Myrtle	Lagerstroemia indica
New Gold Lantana	Lantana 'New Gold'
Spanish Lavender	Lavandula stoechas 'Otto Quast'
Lion's Tail	Leonotis leonurus
Lady's Slipper	Pedilanthus macrocarpus
Floral Carpet Rose	Rosa floribunda 'Floral Carpet'
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Mexican Bush Sage	Salvia leucantha
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Star Jasmine	Trachelospermum jasminoides
Grapevine	Vitis species
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** Consider planting non-citrus fruit trees if living in an area with citrus greening (HLB) disease.*

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